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Flu Shots for Veterans enrolled in VA health care

COLUMBIA, SC – The Wm. Jennings Bryan Dorn VA Medical Center is now offering the seasonal flu vaccine at no cost to Veterans to help keep them healthy.

Also, currently, through Sept. 30, all VA-enrolled Veterans can receive their annual flu vaccination from any Walgreens in which flu shots are available.

Since our Veterans are all aware of the parking challenges at Dorn VA, just look for a Walgreens with a sign which reads “Flu shots are available,” and go the pharmacy area to ask for you flu shot. You’ll be asked for your social security number and your VA ID card. Vaccination information will securely be transmitted by Walgreens to Dorn VAMC.

If you are asked for insurance information, let the Walgreen pharmacy technician know that this covered under a program through the VA and Walgreens.

At Dorn VAMC, Veterans can visit their Primary Care Clinic to get their flu shot, including their outpatient clinics during scheduled appointments or on a walk-in basis, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Flu shots are also available at Dorn’s Mental Health Clinics on a walk-in basis on Tuesdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., and Wednesdays from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

If a Veteran has not applied for VA health care, visit <https://www.1010ez.med.va.gov/>. For more information on the flu and benefits of immunization visit <http://www.publichealth.va.gov/flu/> or call the flu hotline at (803) 695-6701.

According to the Center for Disease Control, flu is a respiratory illness that spreads easily from person to person and getting a flu vaccination is the best protection against the flu. Flu season usually begins in the fall and can continue through late spring. The flu causes more than 225,000 hospitalizations and about 36,000 deaths annually.

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